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DETECTION AND QUANTIFICATION
OF NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES
USING FLUORESCENT PRIMERS"

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Applicant respectfully requests that all amendments be accepted and entered. The present amendments are made to comply with the Sequence Listing Rules and do not introduce new matter into the application. Applicant also requests that any fee not covered and required under the rules be deducted from deposit account no. 08-2665.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

1. Please delete the nucleotide sequence in the second line of text of page 21, "AGCACCTTCGGGATGAATCAGGCAACAGCTACTCTCCTG," and substitute for it the following reformatted nucleotide sequence: "SEQ ID NO: 1 agcaccttcg ggatgaatca ggcaacagct actctcctg."

2. Please delete the nucleotide sequence in the fourth line of text of page 21, "5'-AGCACCTTCGGGATGAATC-3'" and substitute for it the following reformatted nucleotide sequence: "SEQ ID NO: 2 agcaccttcg ggatgaatc."